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SUBJECT: EVENING READING - APRIL 4

FOR AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY FROM KEMPTON JENKINS - DELIVER

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FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE EVENING READING:

1. VIET NAM. WE, TOGETHER WITH DOD AND THE NSC, HAVE BEEN PUTTING TOGETHER A SCHEDULE FOR HABIB AND WEYAND TO BRIEF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEES AND THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES OF BOTH HOUSES ON THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND. AS OF NOW, THESE HEARINGS WILL TAKE PLACE TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AND MEET THE INTENSE INTEREST OF THE MEMBERS WHEN THEY FIRST RETURN.

WE CONTINUE TO BE OVERWHELMED WITH CONGRESSIONAL PHONE CALLS ABOUT THE ORPHAN AIRLIFT AND VIETNAMESE CONSTITUENT PROBLEMS.

AT JOHN SCALI'S RECOMMENDATION, I PHONED CONGRESSMEN ED KOCH AND PEYSER TO INFORM THEM OF UN STEPS (ALBEIT BELATED) TO ORGANIZE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR VIET NAM. AT THE SAME TIME, I POINTED OUT THAT WE REMAIN UNHAPPY WITH WALDHEIM'S REFUSAL TO ISSUE A PUBLIC APPEAL TO HANOI TO PERMIT REFUGEES

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TO DEPART FREELY. KOCH AND PEYSER PLAN TO PUBLICLY
CRITICIZE WALDHEIM AT THE UN TOMORROW.

2. KENNEDY'S REFUGEE HEARING. KENNEDY'S PRESS RELEASE
ANNOUNCING HIS REFUGEE HEARING ON TUESDAY CHARACTERIZED
THE ADMINISTRATION AS PARALYZED IN THE FACE OF THE MASSIVE
NEEDS OF REFUGEES IN VIET NAM. SENATORS FONG AND MATHIAS
HAVE ASKED US FOR THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION AND FONG WILL
REFUTE KENNEDY'S ASSERTION (AID IS PREPARING THEM).

3. ARMENIAN RESOLUTION. OFFICIALLY ENTITLED "NATIONAL
DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN", A RESOLU-
TION INTRODUCED BY TIP O'NEILL AND OTHERS ATTACKS TURKEY
FOR "INHUMANITY" INFLICTED ON ARMENIANS AFTER THE FIRST
WORLD WAR. THIS RESOLUTION, INTRODUCED EVERY YEAR, SOME-
HOW GOT ON THE HOUSE CALENDAR FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 8, VIA
THE HOUSE POST OFFICE COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN HENDERSON HAS
ASKED US FOR A LETTER IN WHICH WE WILL POINT OUT THE
PROBLEMS SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD CAUSE IN OUR ALREADY
FRAGILE RELATIONS WITH TURKEY AND GREECE. HENDERSON HAS
PROMISED TO TRY AND STOP THE RESOLUTION.

4. CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING ON REFUGEES/ORPHANS. FRESHMAN
CONGRESSMAN TSONGA, AUTHOR OF A BILL TO EXTEND US CITIZEN-
SHIP TO VIETNAMESE CHILDREN OF AMERICAN GI'S, HAS CALLED A
MEETING FOR MONDAY TO REVIEW US EFFORTS TO EVACUATE VIET-
NAMESE REFUGEES AND ORPHANS. ACCORDING TO TSONGA, HE IS
"NOT SEEKING A CONFRONTATION", BUT IS INTERESTED IN DE-
TERMINING WHAT ROLE THE CONGRESS CAN PLAY TO FACILITATE
RELIEF PROGRAMS. WE HAVE ARRANGED TO HAVE DEPARTMENT
REPRESENTATION AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND BRIEF THE
GROUP ON OUR ACTIVITIES.

5. MIDDLE EAST. WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER AN ACTION MEMO-
RANDUM PROPOSING A SERIES OF MEETINGS FOR THE SECRETARY
WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TO DISCUSS THE ME REAPPRAISAL.

IN ADDITION, YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

DIEGO GARCIA. WE HAVE HAD TALKS WITH PM AND OTHERS IN THE
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BUILDING ON HOW TO PROCEED ON THE DIEGO GARCIA PRESIDENTIAL
DETERMINATION. THE PROPOSAL LIES BEFORE THE PRESIDENT AT
THIS TIME. OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT, IF HE SIGNS THE
DETERMINATION, IT WILL BE DEFEATED ON THE SENATE FLOOR,
WITH ALL OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPENSE WHICH WOULD ACCOMPANY

THE DEFEAT. ALTERNATIVELY, IF NO ACTION IS TAKEN, SOONER
OR LATER OUR INACTIVITY WILL BE RECOGNIZED AND THAT, TOO,

COULD BE COSTLY. OUR JUDGMENT AT THIS TIME IS THAT THE
LATTER IS OF LESSER PROPORTION THAN THE FORMER AND THE
PRESIDENT SHOULD DELAY. PM, S/P AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO
MESSAGE THIS ONE. INGERSOLL

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